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7. Although HMB spokesmen attempt to convince civilian residents of the sincerity of their motives and of their friendship, the townspeople appear to have very little confidence in such statements as a result of HMB reprisals which they have seen or which have been described to them. Residents of both barrios and towns displayed considerable reluctance to discuss the HMB for fear of threatened reprisals.
8. HMB units have selected contacts in every town and barrio in this area of the province. If a resident cooperates with Government forces by volunteering information on the HMB or by furnishing information when he is requested to do so, an HMB contact usually will report this action and the individual will later be victimized.
9. HMB contacts frequently operate within PGF encampments, and they regularly supply detailed information on troop dispositions.
10. HMB forces almost invariably move during darkness, remaining close to mountain strongholds during daylight. When contacts are made to collect food, contributors are made to swear that they will not report their presence to Government forces. In some settlements, the HMB has forced barrio lieutenants to direct food collections.
11. Vicente Chiong, a Chinese mestizo now residing in Manila, left Candelaria to avoid PGF and Philippine Constabulary investigators. Chiong is believed to have served as an HMB contact in northern Zambales.